The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to DENY the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will DECREASE competition and video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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